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Civic workers are set to walk down protest path again

As govt refuses to act on its promise to make their jobs permanent, pourakarmikas decide to go on state-wide protest on November 15

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Pourakarmikas are all set for a state-wide protest demanding that the state government fulfill its promises. The protest calls for an end to the contract system for pourakarmikas other than sweepers.

Nearly 16-20,000 pourakarmikas comprising garbage vehicle drivers, helpers, cleaners, loaders, and water supply department workers will be part of the protest. They demand a provision of a system to bring all such workers under the direct payment system. In this regard, a protest will be organised on November 15 in front of the offices of the district in-charge ministers across all districts.

Due to strong efforts by unions, pourakarmikas employed as sweepers were brought under a direct payment system in 2017. Still many pourakarmikas part of the collection and transportation of waste are under the contract system.

"Everyone is aware of the gross injustice and harassment meted out to these workers by the officials and contractors. Workers are not even paid minimum wages, and even these low wages are not paid on time. Sometimes wages are not paid for 3-6 months. These workers have no social security facilities and are denied decent working conditions and basic amenities. If the workers raise their voices demanding their rights, they are fired or other threats are made. Although outsourcing of core and continuous nature of work is illegal under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, the urban local bodies are using the bogus contracting system and denying these workers their legitimate rights," said the union in a press statement.

File photo of pourkarmikas working in HRBR Layout demanding permanent jobs

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An indefinite strike was organised by the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU), Karnataka State Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, Municipalities, Town Panchayat Outsourced Workers Organisation and other organisations in July last year, demanding that all pourakarmikas be made permanent.

Siddaramaiah also came to this protest and assured that all demands would be met when Congress came to power. As the strike continued the then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a meeting with the organisations and assured, in writing, that all pourakarmikas would be made permanent and the drivers/cleaners/loaders/helpers would be brought under a direct payment system. However, the state government has yet to put this into action.

In March 2023, another protest was held at Freedom Park demanding the same and a representative of the Congress party agreed to fulfil the demands after Congress came into power. Additionally, the same was part of the Congress manifesto released in 2023.

Hair stuck in machine, woman dies at factory

A 33-year-old employee of a city-based paint business died in an accident at work on Tuesday. The Peenya police claim that Shweta suffered a fatal head injury after her hair got trapped in the paint mixing machine.

Shweta was employed at Shree Paints and Chemicals in Nelagadaranahalli, on the outskirts of the city.

The owner of the factory, Ravi Prakash, called Shweta's husband Suresh to let him know that she had suffered an accident. Suresh was informed that his wife had passed away due to a brain injury when he arrived at the factory.

According to the authorities, the firm had not given its employees any safety gear, such as helmets or head shields. Suresh accused the owner of negligence and filed a complaint.

The Indian Penal Code's section 304(a) (causing death by negligence) has been invoked by the police to file a case against the factory owner. **–BMB**

Honey trapped ex-soldier ends life in Kodagu

The authorities have recovered the body of a retired soldier from a lake in Kodagu district, police said on Thursday. He had gone missing after he claimed that he was a victim of honey trapping. The deceased is identified as Sandesh, a resident of Ukkuda near Madikeri city. Sandesh, in his suicide note, had alleged that he was harassed by one Jeevitha and a police officer called Satish.

The body was recovered from the Pampinakere Lake near Madikeri city by Fire Force and Emergency Services and police personnel on Wednesday night.

According to police, the retired soldier was married. He had been trapped by the accused woman who had recorded their private moments in photos and videos. Later, she took the help of another accused who is her friend and blackmailed the retired army man. She had demanded Rs 50 lakh, the amount which Sandesh was supposed to get as a settlement from the Army.

However, not able to take the harassment and out of guilt, he told everything to his wife. After this he had written a letter narrating the harassment by the accused and her friend, he ended his life by jumping into the lake.

The suicide note was found on Tuesday and his belongings were found near the lake on Wednesday. **–IANS**

A Deepawali gifting guide for the green minded

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Deepawali, the festival of lights, is also a time for celebration and giving. But with so much emphasis on materials, it's easy to lose sight of the impact our choices have on the environment, so environmentally conscious people are coming together to raise awareness about and encourage the use of eco-friendly packaging gifts that can help to reduce and reuse waste and avoid plastic packaging that will go to landfills and oceans.

Beautiful Bharat have begun their 'Green gifting" campaign that they've been running for a few years, which encourages a rethink of the kind of gifts that one gives so that they are more earth-friendly, while holding meaning for the recipient. "My favourite gifts to give are plants I've propagated - say avocado saplings from seeds after eating the fruit or home-made compost or organic cleaners made from my fruit peels. Then handmade bags from tailor scraps, water bottles, collapsible steel tumblers, all popular items that reduce thousands of plastic bags, bottles, paper cups. Gifts that purify the air or rejuvenate the soil, or that push the reuse habit or gifts from upcycled material that reduce waste are the best kind," said Odette Katrak, co-founder Beautiful Bharat.

One has to be mindful of what the gifts are wrapped in too, as gift wraps generate huge waste and mostly end up in the bins the next day and this goes to the landfills. The plastic used or ribbons or foil wraps are non recyclable, nor biodegradable and are destined to go to the landfill. Options like jute and cloth can be used for packing that would look more elegant and is said to be better for the planet.

It is always better to use cloth or paper to wrap your gifts

Katrak said, "Wrapping in reusable wraps like cloth bags, dupattas, tablecloths where the wrap is also part of the gift is the best option."

Shiny foil wrapping is a big no-no but still a favourite choice for many. Newspaper is still better, because it's paper being reused, and can also get recycled. "Gift bags must be reused, because that's how we can consume less resources of the planet. Same with gift wrap - divert it to craft or upcycling projects. What we should do with the gift wrap we end up with is quite well summed up in the sustainability mantra in the same order of Reduce - Reuse-Recycle."

Experts also suggested that many Deepawali decorations that are made from single-use plastics and other non-biodegradable materials can be given a miss. Instead, opt for reusable decorations such as metal lamps, cloth rangolis, and handmade lanterns.

Raj from Ploggers Army says that in the digital world, one can focus on giving gift cards where the recipient can buy whatever she or he wants. "Secondly if any gifts are ordered online, there are options where one can send a message in the comments while ordering saying that plastic packing to be avoided to the extent possible. Also if we are gifting to close family members, one need not wrap anything. A handwritten letter with the gift could be more touching than the glossy plastic/paper wraps. We also need to be clear of the make of the gift (how sustainable the gift is) that includes the packing material, the carbon footprint involved and the waste that gets generated post gifting."

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Bengaluru's waterbodies have invasive turtles that feed on indigenous flora, fauna, compete for food, resources

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Sankey Tank, Jakkur Lake have red-eared slider turtles

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A turtle species that does not naturally occur in this geography being kept as pets in home aquariums in Bengaluru may prove fatal to local biodiversity if corrective measures are not taken soon, researchers at Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE) said.

According to the researchers, many Bengaluru lakes such as Sankey Tank and Jakkur Lake already have the red-eared slider (RES) turtle, a highly invasive species, that feeds on indigenous flora and fauna, while competing for food resources.

"While our study shows that the Indian region has highly suitable conditions for the invasive freshwater turtle, Bengaluru can be a potential hotspot too. The RES pet trade is rampant; people have been buying this invasive species for their aquariums as they are not only cheap, but also adorable when they are young. However, once they grow up, they become very aggressive and require bigger tanks. It becomes difficult to maintain them; so many individuals end up releasing these turtles in ponds and lakes in their neighbourhood," said Surya Narayanan of ATREE.

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Researchers pointed out that since Bengaluru lakes are interconnected, RES being released in one lake implies it is present in

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> **"Red-eared sliders feed on juveniles of native turtles and overrun their food resource... disturb nesting sites of birds around lakes..."**
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> — Surya Narayanan, ATREE

Talking point: Metal detectors at schools

As law enforcement tells schools to adopt strict security measures, educationists, schools association representatives raise concerns

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The decision by the police department to mandate the introduction of metal detectors and handheld metal detectors (HHMD) at school entrances has sparked a debate.

While some schools and colleges have already implemented this measure, other school associations are vehemently opposing it. Sources revealed that the police department has initiated the issuance of notices to schools, urging them to implement metal detectors promptly.

Bengaluru city police have directed schools to enhance security measures, including the introduction of metal detectors, handheld metal detectors, full HD CCTVs, and CCTV coverage every 50 metres. Additionally, they recommended an open network video interface and 30 days of data storage, with staff appointed to monitor the CCTV control room.

School associations expressed their willingness to adopt CCTVs but raised concerns about the

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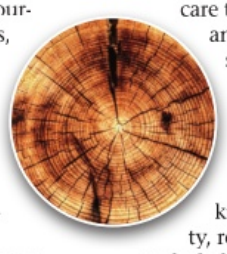

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Crafting Stories with Solid Wood

Just two decades ago, solid wood furniture wasn't merely a lifestyle choice; it was a testament to tradition and heritage. Over the years, the rapid growth in migration, evolving lifestyle choices, and the proliferation of furniture sellers, especially in cities like Bengaluru, have led to a shift in people's preferences. Modern consumers, driven by trends sweeping their social media feeds, are eager to replace furniture pieces with the latest styles. This has given rise to a 'buy-dispose' cycle, often fuelled by an industry relying on cheap labor and substandard materials to maximise profit margins.

Contrary to this trend, furniture made of solid wood stands out as a superior choice. Crafted with artisanal carpentry skills, designed for heirloom value, and characterised by attention to detail, it transcends the transient allure of readymade alternatives. Some of the trusted names embodies more than just craftsmanship. It represents a legacy—crafted by not just makers but storytellers who weave heritage and expertise into each piece. Every curve, finish, and texture holds a story, and the value of each piece increases with time.

In the bustling urban landscape of Bengaluru, a resurgence of appreciation for solid wood furniture is evident. It's not just about decorating homes; it's about investing in a legacy. "I have always chosen solid wood furniture for my home because that is how we have traditionally been," says Arunima S, a techie who added "The city is embracing the revival of solid wood furniture, recognizing that it's not just an investment in decor; it's an investment in stories that stand the test of time."

There are many advantages as solid wood furniture is known for sustainability. Solid wood furniture aligns with sustainable practices, offering an eco-friendly alternative to mass-produced options. The longevity of solid wood furniture is unparalleled, showcasing resilience and resistance to wear and tear. Artisanal craftsmanship allows for personalised designs, ensuring each piece reflects the unique taste and preferences of the owner. Choosing solid wood supports local artisans, preserving traditional skills and contributing to the local economy. Solid wood furniture seamlessly fits into diverse decor styles, adapting to changing trends without losing its timeless appeal. In the heart of Bengaluru, this resurgence signifies not just a shift in furniture choices but a cultural appreciation for enduring craftsmanship and the rich narratives embedded in each piece.

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Opinion divided over metal detectors at schools

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feasibility of having metal detectors in all schools. Currently, the state has 17,256 schools with 46.63 lakh students.

D Shashi Kumar, general secretary of Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS), said, "Schools are not public places; it is not right to impose rules such as specific types of CCTVs and mandatory metal detectors. Using precautionary measures applicable to public places in schools is not justified. I wonder why private schools are singled out with numerous regulations. In 2014, the same error was made, and we approached the High Court, which directed the government to first implement these measures in government schools before extending them to private schools. With child protection rights in place, it's perplexing why we are being singled out. We urge the home minister not to target private schools, as these measures impose a financial burden that will ultimately impact the students."

Educationist VP Niranjan Aradhya added, "schools should adhere to building and fire safety policies. Instead of enforcing metal detectors, authorities should focus on guidelines related to spacious, well-ventilated classrooms."

> **"To ensure safety and security, police stations are issuing notices to the schools**
>
> – Senior police official

Reacting to the statement, a senior police official said, "To ensure safety and security, jurisdictional police stations are issuing notices to the schools. I don't think metal detectors are necessary for every school. I will review this with my team." However, many educational institutions have been using metal detectors and HHMD on their campuses for a long time. In some college campuses, students are directed to pass through a narrow gate, allowing security personnel to thoroughly check bags and screen students using handheld metal detectors. Any observed suspicious activity is promptly reported to higher authorities. A source informed Bangalore Mirror that incidents of student attacks within colleges have compelled campuses to bolster security measures. In January 2019, a 17-year-old boy was fatally stabbed in a college restroom by a fellow student wielding a knife.

Another incident in 2016 involved the attack on a second-year diploma student near a private university campus. College authorities stressed that campuses in India were traditionally free of violence, but two alarming incidents in Bengaluru prompted a reevaluation of their security strategies. Some colleges are contemplating the installation of scanning/X-Ray machines at campus entrances to facilitate bag frisking as a disciplinary and precautionary measure against drug abuse on campus.

However, there are opposing views within institutes. A college principal expressed, "Metal detectors would be challenging for the students. They already have a photo ID that aids in their recognition at the entrance. If we must subject their bags to scanning for metals, that wouldn't be prudent because they are our own students, and we need to trust them. But we have complied with other security measures such as CCTV cameras, security guards, and identity cards, among other recommendations by the police." Introducing metal detectors may be straightforward, according to college managements, but convincing students to undergo the process poses a significant challenge.

A college official mentioned, "We face a lot of resistance as students question why they are forced to walk through the detection gates as they are not criminals. We need to do a lot of sensitisation work." Students oppose campus metal detectors, advocating for enhanced measures like female staff, screening rooms, and handheld scanners for effective security.

What does the police note say?

The police department's notice stated, "Each school is obligated to install safety and security equipment, including Door Frame Metal Detector, Hand Held Metal Detector, access control devices with a resolution of full HD 1920x1080 or higher, minimum illumination of 0.04 lux or higher, a lens with a focal length of 3.6 mm or higher, capable of covering a distance of IR LET (in Build IR) 50 yards or higher, and open network video interface format."

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A red-eared slider problem

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the majority of the waterbodies.

The invasive turtle has a competitive advantage over indigenous turtle species as the former matures early, is aggressive, has higher fecundity, and has a large adult body size. Studies from Europe have shown that RES has negatively impacted native and threatened turtle species by competing for food resources

The invasive turtle species is known to damage eggs of water birds, feed on hatchlings, and occupy nesting sites. Furthermore, since RES is omnivorous, it could have an impact on a range of aquatic prey, including rare amphibians.

"We have evidence that RES presence is very heavy around cities in general as they are sold as pets. These turtles are omnivores; they feed on anything native and compete for resources. They are more aggressive than local turtle species - pond terrapin and flapshell turtles. RES adults can easily feed on juveniles of native turtles and overrun their food resource. Other studies have shown that RES disturb nesting sites of birds, especially in and around lakes. Bengaluru has a lot of winter birds and red-eared sliders can be bad news for them," added Narayanan.

The study conducted by a team of researchers at ATREE, Zoological Survey of India, and Yenepoya University in Mangalore revealed that the Indian region has highly suitable conditions for the invasive freshwater turtle. Experts said since the impact of red-eared sliders is much broader, and their presence in the wild in non-native regions needs special attention to avoid larger ecosystems and economic losses.

"Our study shows that much of the hilly regions of India, which are biodiversity hotspots, are vulnerable to the invasion of RES under current and future climatic conditions. Given its high climatic suitability in these hotspots, especially in the northeast Indian region, where the native freshwater turtle diversity is high, RES may pose a serious threat to the native species. The ecological impacts of RES on native biodiversity are relatively well documented in developed countries in Europe, and Australia. Yet our knowledge is poor of tropical regions," noted the study. Researchers warned that while all turtles carry salmonella and other germs, RES has a different strain of the bacteria and can lead to an outbreak upon close contact.

Red Eared Slider Turtle spotted in a lake near Hegde Nagar

On the right track: Appeal for MEMU trains

Citizens for Citizens presses SWR to introduce MEMU trains, providing rail alternative to ORR commuters

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Citizens for Citizens (C4C) has urged the South Western Railways (SWR) to introduce MEMU (Mainline Electric Multiple Unit) trains from Cantonment to Heelalige via the Bellandur Road stop, offering a rail option for commuters around Outer Ring Road (ORR).

Rajkumar Dugar, founder of C4C, said an existing railway track cuts across the ORR with a stop at Bellandur Road. "Four new platforms have been added to the Cantonment station and is on the verge of completion. Apart from this, quadrupling work is ongoing from Cantonment to Whitefield. Between these two stations is the Baiyappanahalli stop, through which a single track runs, cutting through the ORR. Even here, doubling work is ongoing. Once all these works are complete, the rail will become a practical solution to reach areas surrounding ORR," he explained. However, SWR must introduce two MEMU services during peak hours, even before the infrastructure is entirely upgraded, to make the public familiar with the route, he said.

"The Bellandur Road stop is exactly 1.6 km from ORR. A Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) feeder bus can act as a connection to ORR. At the same time, there are many other buses with the frequency of 10-15 mins that run on the route and connect to other areas one hopes to get to," Dugar said.

Infrastructure upgrades are also being made on the Baiyyappanahalli to Hosur stretch on which the Bellandur Road stop lies. A 10 km track doubling between Heelalige and Carmelaram has been commissioned in February this year. Also, 3.5 km of track doubling between Carmelaram and Bellandur Road has been targeted for March 2024. "As sections of doubling complete, frequency can be improved. Right now, we are asking only for two services. People travelling from Electronic City and central portions of the city will benefit from the service," he said.

The group had sent a letter to the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) on October 11. However, these requests have not been paid heed to. The letter said, "We earnestly request you to run dedicated MEMUs from BNC to HLE, with stops at all intermediate stations, at suitable timings in the mornings and evenings, to begin with. These will provide environment-friendly, economical, fast, comfortable and safe PT options. We shall be requesting BMTC to run Feeder Services

Infrastructure upgrades are also being made on the Baiyyappanahalli to Hosur stretch

between Railway Stations on the BYPL-HLE route to Outer Ring Road once you announce such train services, and we are confident BMTC will do the needful. Please note that once KRIDE's BSRP corridor from HLE is commissioned, these services from SWR may be withdrawn. In that sense, it is a temporary or stop-gap necessity for, say, three years".

The K-RIDE's (Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited) Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project involves lines running across ORR, with the construction of an entirely new station at Doddanekundi. "However, the tender has not been awarded for the stretch yet, and it will take time," Dugar said.

Govt acts on Whitefield's borewell menace

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Following the BM report on illegal borewells in Whitefield, the Minister for Minor Irrigation, NS Boseraju, personally addressed the concerns, assuring immediate action. He urged residents to write to the ministry if they notice illegal borewells.

"We've heard you, and immediately we've acted," he posted. Along with that, he shared a letter from the Directorate of Groundwater, in which it was stated that officials must take strict action against the offenders under the Karnataka Groundwater (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2011.

The Groundwater Directorate has issued a letter promising action to prevent illegal drilling and inspections to detect and penalise illegal borewells. They have asked residents to report any borewell drilling activity.

A team from Karnataka Ground Water Authority (KGWA) also visited Whitefield and surveyed the area to see how widespread the violations are.

"We hope they will take follow-up action. The majority of violators in Whitefield are illegal commercial PG Building operators, who drill borewells without permission, use the water for construction (which is explicitly banned), and use groundwater for commercial use for their customers; and also, by water tanker suppliers who extract and sell the water. This is leading to intense overexploitation, depleting the aquifers. Domestic residents and villagers are suffering water shortage as a result," said Sandeep Anirudhan, Convenor, Namma Whitefield. Residents of the area welcomed the swift action.

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Creative campaign to hush vehicular noise

College students take initiative to curb noise pollution caused by honking

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The city grapples with a severe issue of vehicular noise pollution, with vehicle engines and horns being primary contributors, potentially constituting about 60% of the total noise pollution. In a proactive move to address this concern, the students and staff of Mount Carmel College have launched the #100KmsNoHonkingChallenge. This initiative aims to curb noise pollution caused by unnecessary honking, urging people to refrain from using vehicle horns for a specific period. The goal is to foster better and safer driving practices, ultimately reducing noise pollution.

Students from Mount Carmel College conducted an awareness program, spanning from Shangri-La Hotel to Bengaluru Palace, addressing vehicular noise pollution, especially unnecessary honking. The campaign was initiated by students enrolled in the college's PGDBA/PGDMA and Global programs.

Sr Albina, Director of Mount Carmel College, said, "It should be the responsibility of every individual, resident and finally the institutions to care and control noise pollution. Bangalore might be the third metro city after Delhi and Mumbai in terms of pollution. Let's take this small initiative to reduce noise pollution through mindful honking".

Vehicular traffic, marked by constant horns and engine noise, significantly raises the decibel levels at busy traffic junctions. Many individuals, neglecting traffic rules, contribute to the cacophony by honking even in designated "No honking" zones near schools, colleges, and hospitals. Rajkumar Dugar, Founder of Citizens for Citizens (C4C), said, "We believe that a 4-pronged approach will have a significant impact on controlling the pandemic of Vehicular Noise Pollution: continuous Study/Survey of various aspects of VNP, Awareness Drives in different forms, better Traffic Management and of course the most-needed enforcement."

Ajay Tandon, heading the Traffic & Public Transport Sub-committee of C4C, lamented our dual role as both perpetrators and victims of this slow poison. He said, "If each of us decides to consciously drive without using the horn, we will become better and safer drivers".

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Floodgates open: Gone in 20 minutes

Residents of Sahakar Nagar face severe issues like losing belongings in flood due to heavy rain; local MLA says height of crossroads needs to be elevated

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After flooding for three days, shop owners in Sahakar Nagar are constructing multiple walls to stop rain water from entering their shops

When it doesn't rain, many areas face dry conditions. However, when the rain begins, problems pour down. Sahakar Nagar, for instance, witnessed severe issues, forcing residents to stage a flash protest that even blocked the highway on Wednesday night. During a visit to the flood-affected areas on Thursday, local MLA and Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda faced protests from residents who accused BBMP of apathy. Residents said that an hour of rainfall led to flooding across the entire road, a recurring problem in recent years. The drains, which were previously desilted, are now clogged, causing floodwaters to enter basements. Suresh Kumar, a businessman, sarcastically said, "Instead of Sahakar Nagar, it should be called Kere (lake) Nagar." He highlighted the worsening situation over the past two years and the need for a long-term solution.

Many expressed their frustration about the condition of the area. Devika, a homemaker, said that rajakaluve encroachment had led to consistent flooding for the past decade. She stressed the residents' prompt payment of property tax without a corresponding solution. Residents complained of losing their belongings in the rain. Sumedha Kumar, another homemaker told BM that it wasn't even a heavy downpour. In just 20 minutes, she lost all her savings from the last 20 years. "My home is only 800 m away from the main road, and it took around an hour for me to reach home. Machines stored in the basement were flooded and destroyed. Even a media cameraman who had come to cover the event slipped in the slush, and his camera was broken. Many medicines were washed away in the rainwater, resulting in a significant loss," she said.

This is a classic case of how the rajakaluve is tampered with. For instance, the huge rajakaluve narrows at its outlet near Amrutahalli Lake. Consequently, during excess rainfall, the water flow reverses, flooding homes. This is a clear failure of infrastructure planning. Residents demand justice for taxpayers, she added.

Furthermore, MLA Gowda said, "Considering the elevation of the main road and cross road, the cross roads are four feet lower than the main road. For the last two years, we have been informing residents that we will increase the height of the crossroad. Many residents have resisted this proposal. If we don't elevate the side roads, flooding will persist. Due to gravity, rainwater enters wherever there is low elevation. We are ready to undertake the work if residents come forward."

He informed that even the rajakaluves are blocked, requiring desilting. "We have sought permission from the National Highways Authority of India since the main drains are on the national highways, and we are still awaiting approval. We will once again seek their permission," he added. Meanwhile, after days of downpours, many parts of the city experienced clear skies.

A Prasad, a scientist from the IMD, mentioned a reduction in the rain shortage, resulting in 4% excess rainfall in Bengaluru. Rainfall was recorded in various places in Karnataka, with Hosakote recording 4 cm. Bengaluru may experience a cloudy sky for the next two days, with the possibility of light rainfall.

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I, Rajesh Kataria S/o. S.Pukhraj Residing at No.603/1, Kavi Hari Hara road, Srinagar, Bangalore-560050 have changed my name to RAJESH P JAIN vide affidavit dated: 09.11.2023 Sworn before notary: V.Anjanappa, Bangalore

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I Sarika Todi W/O, Rishhi Todi R/o A 32 Century Corbel Apartment Sahakarnagar Bangalore 560092 have changed my name to Sarika Todii.

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I, Varada Raju, aged about 43 years, S/o Govindanayaka, Govt and R/a: 937-1, Bandalli, Bandalli Post, Hanur taluk, Chamarajanagar- 571439, Karnataka. I have changed my name to Varada Raju G. Vide affidavit dated- 07.11.23. Sworn before notary N Mahesha, Bangalore.

I, Nusrath Begum residing at No.09, 1st Main Road, Near Rizwana Complex, D.J.Halli, Bengaluru- 560045.I, have changed my name to Ayisha Jan Dastigir vide affidavit dated- 25.10.23 sworn before notary C.V.Earappa Bangalore

I, Surabhi Dubey R/o C503 Veracious Lansdale Apartment Whitefield Main Road Bangalore 560066, have changed my name to Surabhi Tripathi

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LONESOME HEARTS

Actor Ester Noronha's directorial debut set to mesmerise audiences

The much-awaited and publicised multi-lingual movie Vacant House is set to release on November 10. Ester Noronha, who has acted in Kannada, Telugu and Tulu movies, is over the moon about the release of her maiden directorial The Vacant House.

"Many people asked me whether The Vacant House is a horror or a crime thriller. The title leads them to think that it belongs to those genres. But it is not a thriller. It connects with people above 25 years of age. The movie is about the problems, who are compelled to lead a lonely life due to various reasons," said Ester.

Stating that she was anxious to know the feedback from the audiences to her maiden movie as a director, Ester said she has already established herself as an actress. "I have proved myself as an actress but yet to prove my mettle as a director. Many have appreciated the film after watching the teaser and trailer but I want to get the feedback from the audiences," said Ester.

Ester's 'The Vacant House' is scheduled for release, promising a love story for young audiences

She said her character in the movie has two shades. "Everyone has two shades in real life and their behaviour depends on the circumstances. I wanted to explain to the audience how people living alone in society face various problems and how they solve those," she said.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Mentor tribute

Actor Zac Efron would be "honoured" to play the late Matthew Perry, whom he calls his "mentor", on the big screen.

The 'Greatest Showman' star graciously responded after the 'Friends' actor reportedly expressed his desire to have Efron portray him in a biopic of his life.

"I'm honoured to hear he was thinking of me to play him," he told People at the premiere of his film 'The Iron Claw' on Wednesday, reports pagesix.com.

"We'll see. I'd be honoured to do it." Efron also grieved his '17 Again' co-star, sharing that he is "devastated" by Perry's death.

"He was a mentor to me, and we made a really cool film together," he said.

"I looked up to him; I learned comedic timing from that guy. When we were filming '17 Again,' it was surreal for me to look across and have him be there, because I've learned so much from him, from his whole life."

Perry's friend Athenna Crosby, one of the last people seen with him before he died, previously revealed that he wanted Efron, to star in his movie. **—IANS**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Banjara tale

Arrangements are underway for the release of the Kannada movie Bhai, based on the Banjara community in Karnataka. The script, written by Suresh Rathod, a head police constable in the VVIP Security Department, is expected to hit the screens on November 17.

The movie's trailer and audio launch event was organised at Kalavidara Sangha, Chamarajpet, with Sandalwood actor Cheluvaraj as the chief guest.

"Power Star Puneeth is my inspiration to write the script for this movie. Puneeth Rajkumar used to come to a well-established school to drop his daughters there. I was working at High Ground Police Station those days. I used to have a brief discussion with Puneeth Rajkumar. He used to ask about my general health and well-being. I used to tell him that I wanted to write a movie script for him. He was surprised when I told him that I could write the script. He encouraged me to write this script. Now, I miss him. He would have attended this function if he is alive today," said Suresh Rathod

Actor-cum-director Yuva has said the movie Bhari is a mass entertainer based on the Banjara community. "The movie has come out well. I am from Belagavi. I came to Bengaluru to become a hero. I worked as a junior artist in some Kannada movies. Stunt Master Thriller Manju has encouraged me to act in Kannada movies," said Yuva.

Paired with Yuva, Pooja portrays a foreigner researching the Banjara community.

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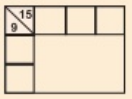
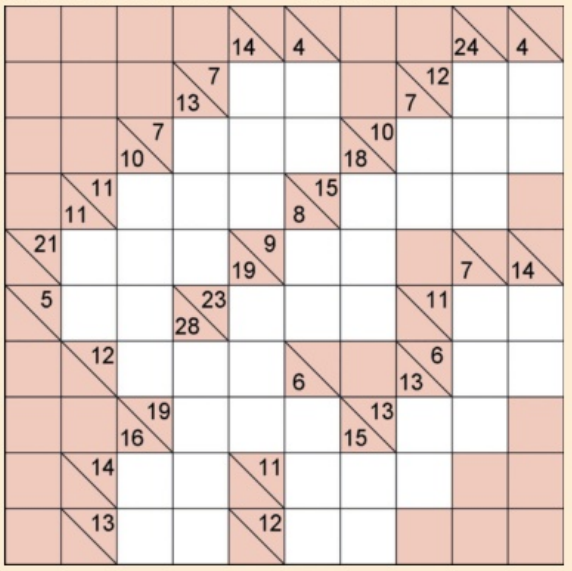


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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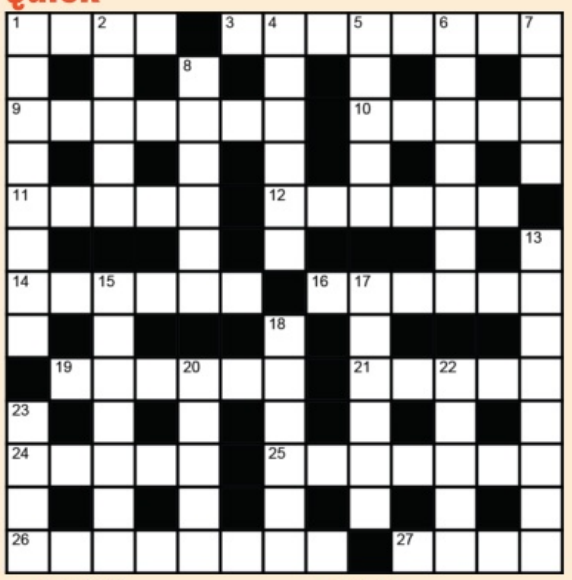


ACROSS

1 Ms Deol or Ms Gupta of Bollywood (4)
3 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
9 Solidify (7)
10 A type of lively dance? (5)
11 Article or object (5)
12 High-pitched, piercing sound (6)
14 Seized suddenly (6)
16 The opposite of acid (6)
19 Make hair untidy (6)
21 Pacific island republic (5)
24 Voice a belief (5)
25 Classifying (7)
26 Indian king (8)
27 Elderly (4)

DOWN

1 Stimulating (8)
2 Indian language (5)
4 Except or otherwise (6)
5 Lay a bet (5)
6 Emblems of office (7)
7 Attracted (4)
8 Darwin's ship (6)
13 Let the cat out of the bag (8)
15 Studious (7)
17 Inner covering (6)
18 Olympic gold medallist ___ Chopra (6)
20 Defame (5)
22 Utilizing (5)
23 Space available (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: K EQUALS T

KPW MARSW GH OGZKP RU RI UKAWIXKP FIS YWFZKO. KPW MARSW GH GDS FXW RU RI SRUNAWKRGI.

Linemaro

Your voice is more soothing than Morgan Freeman's

Mindchow

It's during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light

Joke of the day

It was love at first sight. Then I took a second look

Loop

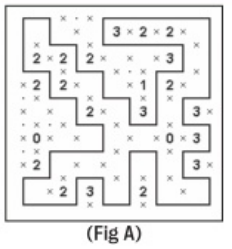
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

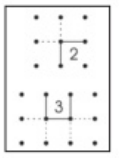
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

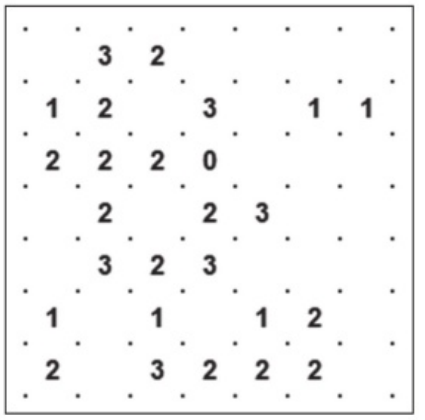
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



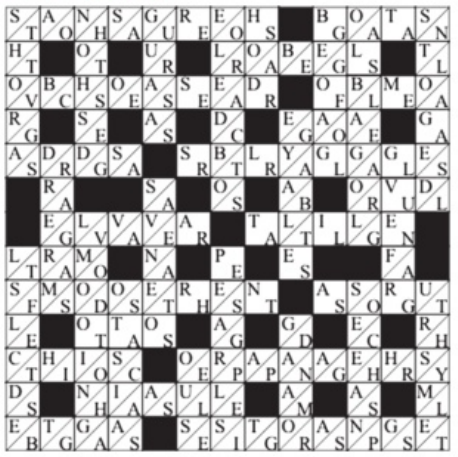
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



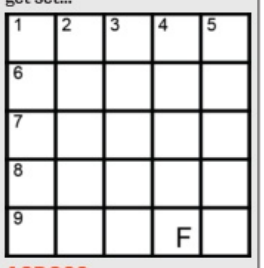
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Camps; 6 Polar; 7 At ire; 8 A I Cob; 9 Fab at

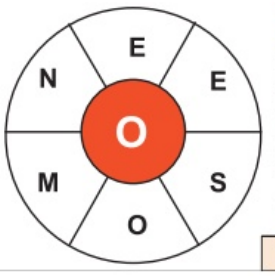
DOWN

1 Aspic; 2 Broca; 3 Arab a; 4 If mot; 5 Plate

Mensapuzzle

Work clockwise round each circle to spell out two eight letter words that are synonymous. You have to find the starting points and provide the missing letters.

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

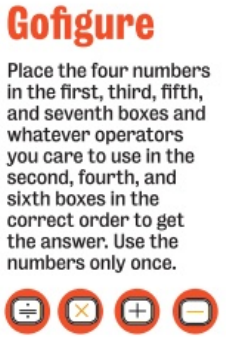
SudokuChallenge

		9		5		7		
7				9				
2						3	4	
1			9				3	
8		2	3		1	5		4
	3				7			1
	9	1						2
				8				6
		6		7		4		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 12

4 5 5 6

Medium = 13

3 4 5 7

Hard = 14

2 8 8 3

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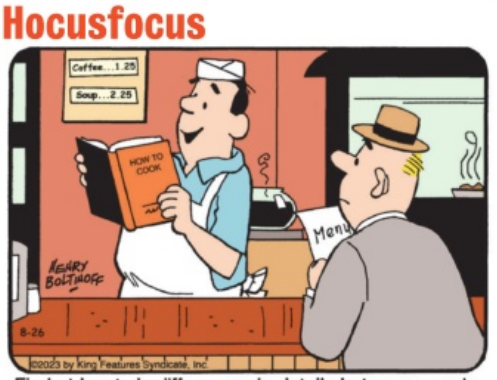


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

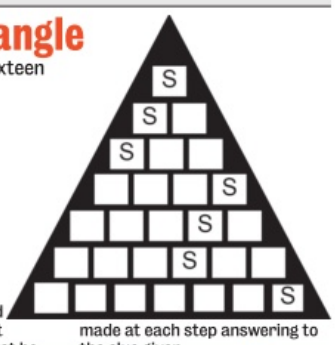
Differences: 1. Cap is reversed. 2. Napkin holder is smaller. 3. Thumb is showing. 4. Steam coming out of coffeepot is higher. 5. Cook is thinner. 6. Hair is different.

Riddler

Amir has three children. One is the same age as the first number in his age, another is the same age as the second number in his age, and the third is the same age as the sum of the two numbers in his age. None of the children are the same age and the total of everyone's ages is 45. How old is Amir?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 Thus
3 Heir, often
4 Untold centuries
5 Looped knot
6 Give some slack
7 Chinese fare



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THEY'VE GOT US SURROUNDED! WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING OR WE'RE...
8-12
DON'T WORRY, CHIEF! I'LL CHASE 'EM OFF WITH MY NEW SECRET WEAPON!
TAXES FILED HERE
IT'S WORKING! LOOK AT 'EM RUN!

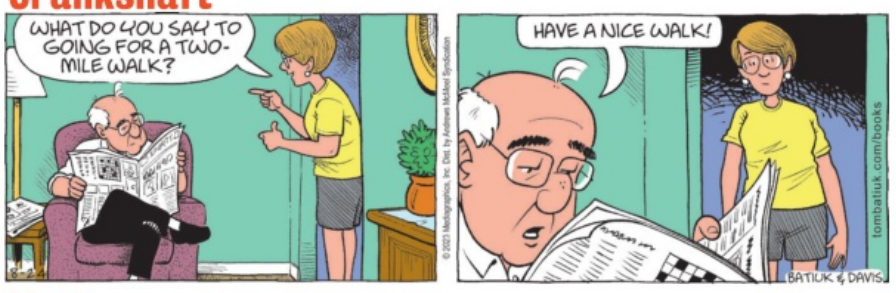
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

BRENT, WE CAN GO TO THE DANCE TOGETHER, BUT I'M SETTING SOME GROUND RULES.
1. WE'RE GOING AS FRIENDS.
2. YOUR OUTFIT NEEDS TO MATCH MINE.
3. WE'RE GOING AS FRIENDS.
THE FIRST AND THIRD RULES ARE THE SAME!
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT RULES.

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, at the beginning of the day, you may not be focused on your work. However, with the help of elders' blessings, you may be able to gain control over this messy situation. You may easily find the resources that are important for the completion of the project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and your losses may be converted into profits, boosting your financial health.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you can expect a big order from an overseas client, increasing liquidity in your business. You are likely to meet some influential people who may help you grow your business. Your bond with the boss may become stronger, and you can expect promotions due to hard work. Your prestige may also increase.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by your elders, which may give patience to your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may plan to visit a spiritual place to seek peace of mind and donate some amount for development. There may be chances for overseas travel.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and have some health issues that may affect your day-to-day work. You may find yourself under mysterious fear, making you sensitive and emotional. It is advised to avoid rush driving and adventure tours. You are also attracted to the occult and advised to visit a religious place.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, blessings from the moon may make you happy. You may help needy people and analyze yourself, accepting mistakes in personal life. Faith in the relationship with your spouse is likely to improve, boosting confidence in the relationship. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel healthy, and old health issues may be resolved. You are likely to win some litigation and have full control over your opponents and business rivals. Money that was stuck is likely to be recovered, boosting your liquidity. You may get a new responsibility at work, which will benefit you in the near future.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today may be mixed. You may be busy with kids' issues, and couples may welcome a new born baby. Those trying for a kid can hear some good news. With wisdom, you may settle disputes in business and social life. Students may plan for overseas education. Job holders may plan for higher studies for a good career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel disappointment at work and may not be able to enjoy life. You may face losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while to avoid losses. You are also advised to take care of your parents' health.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You are likely to have inner strength and be able to make difficult decisions at work. You may be busy in social get-togethers, expanding your network, which may benefit you in the near future in terms of work. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may be busy with family and plan for your kid's academics. You may spend money on buying artefacts and creative stuff to renovate your house. Short trips for kids' academics may be planned, and their education may make you upset. Avoid any type of addiction to prevent disturbances in domestic life.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon. With courage, you may be able to make good plans and likely implement them efficiently. Control over overexcitement is advised to avoid making mistakes. Read documents before making signatures. Your rivals and opponents are now under control.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, old health issues may arise again, causing anxiety and restlessness. You may become unfocused towards your goals and waste precious time on worthless tasks. Control your spending on worthless stuff as it may affect your financial health.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 3x+30-x-28 = 3x-2x-4
= 3x+30+(-x)+(-28) = x-4
= 3x+(-x)+30+(-28) = x-4
= 3x-x+30-28 = x-4
= 2x+2 = x-4
= 2x-x = -4-2
= x= -(4+2)
= x= -(2+4)
= x= -(6)
= x= -6.

BULL'S EYE
moon, moose, noose, nose, omen, some, SOMEONE, soon

FAST FIVE

S	C	A	M	P
P	A	R	O	L
I	R	A	T	E
C	O	B	I	A
A	B	A	F	T

STRIKE OUT

T	O	N	S	U	R	E	S	S	B	A	T	S		
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S	N	I	A	L	L	A	G	E	M					
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H	O	R	L	A	B	E	L	T						
T	O	N	S	U	R	E	S	S	B	A	T	S		

QUICK

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X		I		B		N		A		E		R		
E	S	H	A		F	U	N	N	Y	O	R	L	D	

MENSA PUZZLE
SATURATE, WATERLOG

RIDDLER
27. His children are 2, 7, and 9.

QUOTE UNCODE
The pride of youth is in strength and beauty. The pride of old age is in discretion.

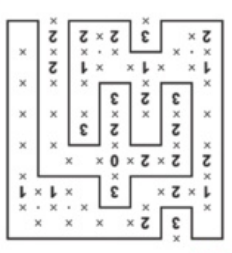
SUDOKU

6	1	9	4	5	3	7	2	8
7	4	3	8	9	2	1	6	5
2	5	8	7	1	6	3	4	9
1	6	5	9	4	8	2	3	7
8	7	2	3	6	1	5	9	4
9	3	4	5	2	7	6	8	1
4	9	1	6	3	5	8	7	2
3	2	7	1	8	4	9	5	6
5	8	6	2	7	9	4	1	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, So, Son, Sons, Noose, Loosen, Noodles.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 5 – 4 + 6 = 12
Medium
7 – 3 + 4 + 5 = 13
Hard
3 x 8 – 2 – 8 = 14

LOOP



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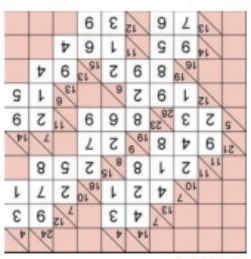

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